



## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TUNING ELECTRODES USED IN A REACTOR FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 2001, and assigned Application No. 09/849,505 (Attorney Docket No. 291958157US1); and that this application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/206,663, filed May 24, 2000; and in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed PCT Application No. PCT/US00/10120, which was filed on April 13, 2000, designating the United States, and claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/182,160, filed February 14, 2000, 60/143,769, filed July 12, 1999, and 60/129,055, filed April 13, 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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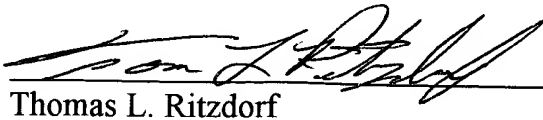
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